

December Members' Meetings

Dates & Times

Matinee, 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 14
Evenings, 8:00 p.m., Wednesday and
Thursday, December 14 and 15, 1983

Place

Morrison Auditorium

Speaker

Galen Rowell

Subject

"In Wildest Tibet"

The stunning work of Galen Rowell is well known to members of the California Academy of Sciences, through his many lectures over the years, and most recently in his exhibition **Mountain Light**, on view now in the Peterson-McBean Galleries.

This month Galen will take Academy members along on one expedition for a unique look at inner Tibet — from the shrines of Lhasa to the legendary monasteries of Rongbuk and Tashilunpo, from trekking through villages to climbing the North Col of Mount Everest.

In his slide/lecture he will discuss how zoologists, ornithologists, geographers and geologists help interpret a relatively unexplored region reputed to contain not only the world's highest peak, but also the fiercest tribes of Central Asia and a "veritable zoological garden" of Tibetan wildlife.

Galen Rowell, who was born and raised in Berkeley, California, received his first assignment from National Geographic in 1973. He has been on over 1000 climbs over the course of his career, from Yosemite and Alaska to more than ten major expeditions in the Himalaya.

Galen Rowell will sign copies of his book *Mountains of the Middle Kingdom: Exploring the High Peaks of China and Tibet*, new from Sierra Club Books, in the exhibit **Mountain Light** following each members' meeting.

As usual, your membership card admits you through the main entrance at Cowell Hall for all meetings, and through the Wattis Hall entrance for the matinee program. Please be prepared to show your membership card at the auditorium door for the afternoon presentation.

SNEAK PREVIEW: Dr. Mike Ryan will enlighten Academy members on frog-eating bats at the next members' meetings on January 11 and 12.

Special Exhibits

Bring the whole family during the holidays and enjoy the wide variety of special exhibits the Academy is offering this season.

Tidepool Paintings by Coit Tower artist John Langley Howard — twelve watercolor interpretations of tidepool environments; **The Art of Robert Bateman** — original works by Canada's leading wildlife artist; **The Spirit of Muir Woods** — photos of our nearby treasure; **The Quilt** — a queen-size project of the California Marine Mammal Center; and **Mountain Light: Photography by Galen Rowell** — photos taken on climbs and treks all over the world. (See this month's Members' Meetings for more on this fine artist).

Morrison Planetarium

The Christmas Star/Wonders of the Night Sky will return to the planetarium on December 2, for its 30th year. Visitors will travel back in time to the sky which held the mysterious "star" that heralded the birth of Jesus of Nazareth and will listen to the various theories of this astronomical wonder. In addition, audiences will learn about specific winter sky events they can see free in their own backyards!

Showtimes for **The Christmas Star/Wonders of the Winter Sky** are Monday through Friday at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.; weekends at 11:00 a.m., 2:00 and 3:30 p.m. Extra holiday shows December 19 through January 1 at 11:00 a.m., 2:00 and 3:30 p.m. **THERE ARE NO SHOWS ON CHRISTMAS DAY.**

Exploring the Skies of the Season can be seen every Saturday and Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

Admission to both of these shows is free to members with their complimentary passes.

Please Note: The planetarium will be closed January 3 through 5 to prepare for the new sky show **Metal Moons** opening January 6.

CONCERTS UNDER THE STARS!

A special new program of live music under the stars in the Morrison Planetarium will be presented this month. The schedule includes:

Monday, December 5 at 8:00 p.m.

Baroque Music Under the Stars

Featuring the work of Bernier, Telemann, Bach, Leclair, Quantz and others by performers, Sue Bishop on baritone flute; Martha Giese on cello; Jean Hakes, soprano vocals; and Elaine Thornburgh on harpsichord.

Monday, December 19 at 8:00 p.m.

Music Through the Twinkling of an Eye

Featuring pieces by Dufay, Sherer and Fissinger, performed by The Perfect Fifth, 22-voice chamber chorus from UC Berkeley under the direction of Carol Young.

Monday, January 9 at 8:00 p.m.

An Evening Under the Stars with *Platero* — Arpa de las Americas

Traditional harp music from Latin America features Sandra Smith on harp, and others.

Admission to concerts is \$4.00 for Academy members (show your membership card at the main entrance) and \$5.00 for non-members. Call 221-5100 for information.

Laserium

New Wave and movie greats are featured in two very different Laserium shows this month. Call 221-0168 for showtimes and titles.

Traditional Arts

Every Saturday afternoon a different ethnic group in the Bay Area will share something of its cultural heritage, its religious and holiday traditions, its craft arts and its foodways with museum visitors.

All demonstrations and presentations take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday in the Wattis Hall of Man, except for the December 24 event which will take place in Cowell Hall.

December 3

Celebrating Mexico's *posadas* (December 16), Teresa Ramirez, and parents from the Lazear School in Oakland, will demonstrate pinata-making.

December 10

Our Swedish Christmas pageant opens with a *Lucia* procession, followed by accordian music, sing-along carols and dances.

December 17

Bertram Minkin will entertain us with traditional stories for Hanukkah.

December 24

Come and celebrate Christmas Eve at the Academy by viewing our **Trees Around the World** exhibit in Cowell Hall. (Further details in this Newsletter).

Holiday Activities at the Junior Academy

The Junior Academy will offer one-day field trips and classes from December 19-January 2. These will include the Midnight Safari (a sleep-out in African Hall), tours to Ano Nuevo to see elephant seals, and a behind-the-scenes tour of Marine World. Call 221-5100, ext. 221 for further information.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

If you are interested in a Life Membership the current rate of \$500 will expire on January 1, 1984. The new rate will be \$750. For further information please call the Membership Department at 221-5100 ext. 251 or 209.

Special Presentation

The California Academy of Sciences
The Oceanic Society and
The San Francisco Zoological Society
present

WHALES...

From the People Who Study Them

Saturday, January 7 from 1 to 5:30 p.m.
Morrison Auditorium

Each year at this time California gray whales make their annual migration along our shores toward Baja California. Join some of the whale researchers who will share first hand information on not only gray whales, but killer whales, humpbacks, sperm and blue whales. You'll learn about the latest about whale communication and behavior from people like Stephen Leatherwood, Deborah Glockner-Ferrari, Steve Swartz and many more.

Tickets are \$7 for members of the sponsoring organizations and \$10 for non-members. (This would make a great stocking stuffer for the whale buff in your family!)

Send a self-addressed stamped envelope with a check made payable to the California Academy of Sciences to:

Special Programs Office
California Academy of Sciences
Golden Gate Park
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For information call (415) 221-5100 Ext. 211.

Christmas Trees

From Around The World



A Special Holiday Display Opening December 6 in Cowell Hall

A Christmas tree is one of the most beautiful expressions of the holiday spirit and each country has its own traditional decorations and ornaments. This year at the Academy ten different countries will be represented as they decorate trees in Cowell Hall. Origami birds from Japan, Swedish straw figures, and Armenian fabric doves are but a few of the ornaments that will grace our trees for all to enjoy. Please come and watch the decorating, Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and on Tuesday, December 6 from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.

You are cordially invited
to the opening of
CHRISTMAS TREES AROUND THE WORLD
Tuesday, December 6
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Cowell Hall

- Bring family and friends to enjoy the **Merry-weather Carolers** as you stroll through our glittering array of Christmas trees.
- A special showing of the new planetarium show, the **Christmas Star/Wonders of the Winter Sky** will take place at 9:00 p.m. Free tickets to this program will be given out to the first 300 arrivals.
- **The Nature Company Museum Store** will be open from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and will be serving hot mulled cider for a bit of holiday cheer. Be sure to come and start your Christmas shopping on a high note!



An Evening with Jane Goodall **AMONG THE WILD CHIMPANZEES**

Wednesday, January 4, 1984
7:00 p.m.

Palace of Fine Arts, San Francisco

Over the past 23 years, Dr. Jane Goodall has been able to document the life cycles of a number of the chimpanzee families of the Gombe Stream Reserve in Tanzania, East Africa. Now in a fascinating film diary of man's closest relative in the animal world, Academy members will have a chance to preview the latest National Geographic Film Special and hear a discussion by Dr. Goodall of her continuing studies *Among The Wild Chimpanzees*, the title of the film.

As this newsletter went to press, Dr. Frank Talbot announced the appointment of Dr. Jane Goodall as Honorary Curator of Primatology at the California Academy of Sciences.

This remarkable evening is co-sponsored by the California Academy of Sciences, the San Francisco Zoological Society and the L.S.B. Leakey Foundation. Tickets are available through the Downtown Center Box Office at 325 Mason Street, San Francisco, CA 94102. Telephone (415) 775-2021. Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

Ticket Prices

General Admission	\$15
Members of the Academy	\$10
Seniors and students	\$10
Sponsor	\$150
(includes one reserved seat, dinner with Dr. Goodall following the film lecture, and a listing in program)	
Patron	\$500
(includes two reserved seats, dinner for two)	

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There is limited seating for the dinner. Please purchase tickets by December 15 for listing in the program.

All contributions are tax-deductible as provided by law. All proceeds from the event will go directly to support the work of the Jane Goodall Institute.

A symposium . . .

PRIMATES AND THE TROPICAL RAINFORESTS

on Saturday, January 21, 1984
at 1:00 p.m.

Morrison Auditorium

Sponsors: Primate Conservation Appeal, under the sponsorship of the World Wildlife Fund-U.S.; International Primatological Society; California Academy of Sciences; and San Francisco Zoological Society.

Masters of Ceremony: Mr. Gordon Getty, Chairman of the Board, L.S.B. Leakey Foundation, San Francisco and Dr. Donald Johanson, Institute of Human Origins, Berkeley.

Call the San Francisco Zoological Society for more information and tickets at 661-2023, or see your January newsletter for program and ticket information.

ACADEMY EXPEDITIONS 1984

From travel by rubber rafts along the Colorado River to comfortable cruising along the east coast of Africa, members will find an expedition to suit their fancy.

New Zealand and Fiji

February 18 - March 7

North and South Island New Zealand and exotic Fiji. Led by Dr. and Mrs. Robert T. Orr. Cost is \$2602 for land, \$1445 for air. For information, call the Academy Travel Office at (415) 221-5100.

The Grand Canyon

April 3 - 7 Filled
March 25 - 30 Available

Led by geologist Jean DeMouthe. Cost is \$435 for land/boating and \$80 for air. For information, call the Academy Travel Office at (415) 221-5100.

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Education and Travel

Spring Garden and Birding Tour to the Gulf Coast and New Orleans

April 5 - 14

Exquisite formal gardens, birding and a bit of history. Led by Dr. and Mrs. Robert T. Orr. Cost is \$1515 for land, \$414 for air. For information, call Siemer & Hand Travel at (415) 788-7186.

The Archaeological Wonders of Turkey

April 28 - May 15

Greece - An Optional Extension

May 16 - 23

A vast panorama of history, art and architecture. Led by lecturer Tony Hutt. Cost is \$2740 for land, \$1171 for air. For information call Siemer & Hand Travel at (415) 788-7186.

Spring in the California Desert

April 23 - 30

An 8-day camping safari in the Southern California desert. Participants provide own gear and transportation. Cost is \$250. For information, call Focus on Nature at (707) 584-5154, or write 5570 Inverness, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

China: Dragons and Destinies

April 22 - May 16

A trip specially planned for members of the Academy. Led by Nancy Pickford. Cost is \$3510 for land and \$1258 for air. For information, call Pan Oceanic Tours and Travel Bureau at (415) 474-7576.

Grand Ronde River Trip

June

A 4-day float trip through the Grand Ronde Canyon in northeastern Oregon. Led by Dr. Jack Arnold. For information, call the Academy Travel Office at (415) 221-5100.

Seychelles and the Southern Seas

June 15 - July 7

Kenya - An Optional Extension

June 10 - 17

Dr. Robert Drewes leads this spectacular cruise through the Seychelles Islands and along the east coast of Africa. A specially planned pre-trip tour to Kenya is also offered. Cruise costs range from \$3880 to \$7600 plus air. Cost of Kenya extension is \$1020. For information, call the Academy Travel Office at (415) 221-5100.

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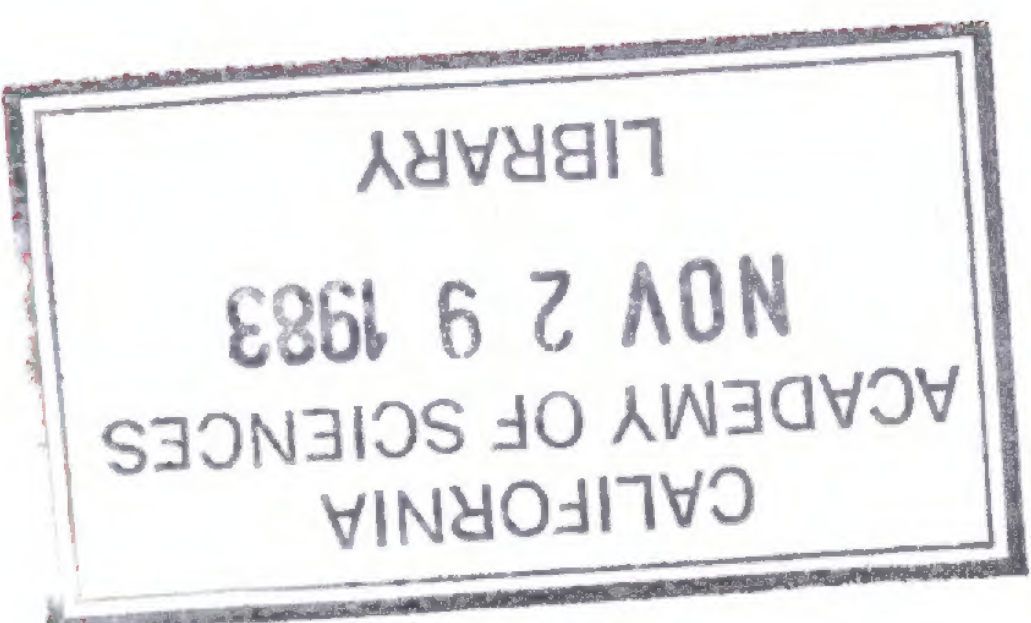


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Time Dated Material

Galapagos Islands

July 26 - August 11

Peru - An Optional Extension

August 11 - 19

Ecuador and a cruise through the wonderful Galapagos Islands aboard the *M.V. Bucaneer* with an optional tour to Peru and to Machu Picchu also offered. Cost for Galapagos is \$1987 for land/cruise and \$806 for air fare. Cost for extension is \$892 for land and \$238 for air. For information, call Siemer & Hand Travel at (415) 788-7186.

Killer Whales and Totem Poles

August 6 - 17

Travel aboard elegant sailboats to see orcas and the remnants of ancient native American civilizations. Costs are \$1635 for land/cruise arrangements, \$198 for air. For information, call the Academy Travel Office at (415) 221-5100.

Alaska

September 1 - 12

A wealth of wildlife and scenery with this cruise aboard the *M.V. Majestic Alaska Explorer*. Costs range from \$2550 to \$3750 plus air fare. For information, call the Academy Travel Office at (415) 221-5100.

Flight Through Fantasia

October 7 - 19

The sights of America's southwest. For information, call the Academy Travel Office at (415) 221-5100.

Papua New Guinea and the Islands of the Solomon Sea

October 7 - 28

One of the world's most remote and exotic destinations. Tour features the Trobriand Islands, Sepik River and Highlands. For information, please call the Academy Travel Office at (415) 221-5100.

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